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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I- 18-85

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) BENEFIT COMPUTER

REFERENCE:

Recently, the Department was advised by several counties that the Employment Development Department (EDD) uses a guide (slide rule computer) to determine eligibility for UI Benefits and the amount of benefits a claimant is eligible for each week. These counties were able to obtain this guide from the local EDD offices. However, EDD is no longer providing them to other agencies because of cost.

The Department was asked by the Eligibility and Grant Committee of CWDA to pursue the possibility of negotiating an arrangement with EDD to make this guide available to all counties. The subcommittee believes that the guide can be of benefit to county welfare departments in predicting more accurately the UI Benefits expected to be received by an assistance unit during the first two months of aid.

We contacted EDD and they provided us with the following information:

- o The guide is the Benefit Computer consisting of two parts; a sleeve (DE 3000 A) and a slide (DE 3000).
- o When used correctly, it allows the person using it to determine eligibility, weekly benefit amount (WBA), and maximum benefit for a UI claim.
- o Initial cost for each computer is estimated to be around \$2.
- o The slide becomes obsolete every six months and will need to be replaced at an estimated cost of \$1 per slide.
- o Total estimated cost for the first year of use is \$3. Ultimately, wear and tear will also cause the sleeve to be replaced.

The Department may be able to obtain supplies of the Benefit Computer and stock it in the DSS warehouse. However, counties would have to purchase them at the above estimated cost. Before we proceed further with this issue, we need to know which counties would be interested in ordering the computer and how many they would order. This information will assist us in negotiating an agreement with EDD and in establishing an initial stock level in the warehouse.

If you are interested in having this instrument available to your staff, please provide a verbal response to Henry Puga of the AFDC Policy Implementation Bureau at (916) 322-5330 or ATSS 492-5330 by March 15, 1985.



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